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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 March 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Priority

This application is a 371 of PCT/HU00/00049 05/26/2000 and the claim of foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) to Hungary 9901937 06/10/1999 is acknowledged.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-16 are pending in the application.

Information Disclosure Statement

Receipt is acknowledged of Information Disclosure Statement (IDS), filed on 12/15/2001, which has been entered in the file.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claim in the subject matter, which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The expressions “formula (I), (Ia) and (Ib)” (recited in claim 1, page 20, line 3), “formula (VII)” (recited in claim 1, page 20, line 5), “formula (VI)” (recited in claim 1, page 20, line 8), and also “formula (V)”, “formula (IV)”, “formula (III)”, and “formula (II)” etc that are recited in all other occurrences), render the claims indefinite because the claims do not itself define the invention but rely on external material and modern claim practice requires that the claim must stand alone to define the invention and incorporation into claims by express reference to the specification is not permitted (*Ex parte Fressola*, 27 USPQ 2d 1608). The omission of

failing to describe the claimed invention renders the claim incomplete. The claim should recite specific chemical formulas from specification as to how one of ordinary skill in the art would perform the various reaction steps in order to obtain the final product. It is suggested to rewrite the claims as an independent form including all of the limitations (chemical structures) of formula (I), (Ia) and (Ib) etc in the base claim and any intervening claims.

The superfluous word "new" (recited in claim 1, page 20, line 1) should be deleted.

Telephone Inquiry

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Golem Shamed, Ph.D. whose telephone number is (571) 272-0706. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 6:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph McKean, can be reached at (571) 272-0699. The Unofficial fax phone number for this Group is (703) 308-7921. The Official fax phone number for this Group is 571-273-8300.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist, whose telephone number is (571) 272-1600.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. M. Shameem', with a large, stylized initial 'G'.

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PRIMARY EXAMINER

April 25, 2006